

VOLUNTEERING ON THE TRAILS

From our start in 2008 certified professional staff has guided dedicated volunteers to help Maine Huts & Trails build more than 80 miles of trail. Fifty miles of groomed, Nordic ski trails connect the huts, with an additional 30 miles of non-groomed hiking, biking and snowshoe single-track side trails.

SKILL LEVELS

Volunteers of all levels of experience and physical capabilities are welcome to work on the trails. If you can use the trail system, you can help build and maintain it! Each project provides a new learning experience and opportunity for you or your group to gain new skills while honing the ones you already have. We strive to create a learning environment that benefits the full spectrum of volunteers, and encourage folks to take on new challenges.

Some of the opportunities:

- **Preserving** cedar trail signs with water sealant
- **Building** or **replacing** timber bridges
- **Cutting** back foliage along the trail corridor
- **Cleaning** yearly build-up from drainages and culverts
- **Digging** drainage ditches
- **Removing** blow downs
- **Clearing** new trail
- **Naturalizing** and **re-vegetating** new trail
- **Maintaining** stone or timber drainage structures
- **Mowing** back grass or woody vegetation

SPRING PROJECTS ~ Receding snow brings the year's first trail maintenance projects!

- Clean drainage ditches and culverts
- Rake and define tread surfaces
- Remove leaves and sticks
- Remove blow downs

SUMMER PROJECTS ~ Long days and swimming opportunities paired with productivity.

- Build new trails
- Mow and weed-wack grassy trails
- Maintain and build bridges
- Bog-bridge with stone and timber

FALL PROJECTS ~ Freshly fallen leaves mark the onset of winter prep season.

- Mow Nordic trails for winter grooming
- Blow or rake leaves off single-track trails
- Trim back low-hanging branches on single-track side trails
- Preserve cedar signs